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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Troops and Military Installations in Klatovy  
 2. PS Troops in Kasperske Hory  
 3. Uniform of Czech Border Guard Soldiers near Dolni Brezovice

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Prior to July 1953, motorized and horse-drawn units equipped with guns and mortars were observed in the former Cavalry Barracks on the south-western perimeter of Klatovy (N 50/L 00). Source saw 10 to 15 trucks towing light AT guns; 5 to 10 trucks towing mortars; and a horse-drawn unit with guns of 80 to 100 mm. Among the numerous motor vehicles in the installation he observed model Praga R1 vehicles, model Aero 1.5-ton vehicles, and Tatra vehicles of 4 or 5 tons, whose use as civilian trucks had never been noticed.<sup>1</sup>
2. Numerous garages and motor vehicles were observed at the so-called "Red Barracks" on the north side of the Blanice (N 50/L 10) road, on the eastern perimeter of the city. No heavy weapons were observed at the installation. An military unit with red service color was observed in the so-called "Black Barracks" on the south side of ul. Jezuitska in the center of the city. Only few motor vehicles were at this installation whose yard provided only little space for parking purposes. Source called the installation "Mod cerne vez" (below the Black Tower) Barracks. The Hencik Hotel, 20 meters southeast of Masaryk Square, on the east side of ul. Roosevelta, was used as an army hospital.
3. Both sources stated that they definitely remembered that no army units were stationed at Kasperske Hory (N 50/Q 27) in the fall of 1953. Only border guard troops were observed in the post area. Rocket launchers had never been seen at the station.
4. On 2 May 1954, one senior lieutenant and one technical sergeant of the Czech border guard troops, who belonged to the border guard company in Dolni Dvoriste (O 49/Q 92), were observed from a close distance. The officer wore a khaki uniform with black rubber boots and a visor-type service cap with a brown-bordered light-green crown, a black cap band with the Soviet star emblem, and a black visor. His green-bordered golden epaulets had one longitudinal green stripe and two silver stars. The technical sergeant wore a khaki uniform, black riding boots, a khaki garrison cap, and brown-bordered green epaulets with one longitudinal brown stripe and one silver star. The sector of the border guard company in D. Dvoriste included the area between D. Dvoriste and Bitiny (O 49/R 00).<sup>3</sup>

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1. Comment. The 10th Arty Regt of the 2d Inf Div is carried in this installation. The information on equipment and ordnance observed is rather contradictory. The unit possibly is a howitzer artillery unit organized into two battalions equipped with 105-mm guns and one mortar battalion. The regiment was reported as a motorized artillery regiment as early as July 1951. It is undetermined to what unit the allegedly observed AT guns belong. It is possible that they belong to the AT battalion of the 2d Inf Div, which is believed to be stationed at Klatovy, or the 25th Inf Regt.

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2. Comment. These two installations quarter the 25th Mtz Inf Regt, which is confirmed by the present report until July 1953.

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3. Comment. The PS company in Dolni Dvoriste belongs to the 15th PS Brig in C. Hudejovice.

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It is believed that source's statements on the soldier referred to as a technical sergeant are incorrect. While NCOs wear green epaulets, one longitudinal stripe with one silver star indicates a junior lieutenant.

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